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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the restriction requirement dated June 21, 2002. A petition for a one month extension of time, from July 21, 2002 to and including August 21, 2002, is enclosed.

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-67 and replace with the following new claims 68-81: